

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-10 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1,2 and 4-11, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,159. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants include herewith a terminal disclaimer for the above-identified U.S. Patent No. 6,654,159. As such, the double patenting rejection should now be rendered moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

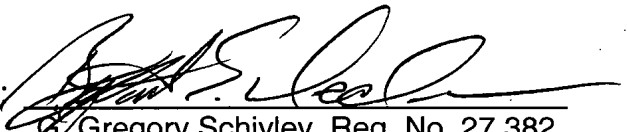
Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the allowance of Claims 11-15.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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